GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COAL AND MINES
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COAL PRODUCTION
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Will the Minister of COAL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) the annual production of coal in the country;

(b) whether the country is self- reliant in respect of coal production;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) the details of demand and consumption of coal in each State particularly in Delhi;

(e) whether there is possibility of widening of gap between the demand and availability of coal during the current financial year;

(f) if so, the extent thereof; and

(g) the steps being taken by the Government to increase the production of coal?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR COAL & MINES(SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD)

(a): The annual production of coal in the country was 309.63 million tonnes during 2000-01 and 322.61 million tonnes (provisional) during 2001-02.

(b)&(c): The country is largely self-sufficient to meet the demand of non-coking coal. The domestic supply of required quality and quantity of coking coal for steel plants has not been adequate to meet the demand owing to limited reserves & their depletion and limited production capacity.

(d): The demand of coal is not assessed State-wise. It is assessed sector-wise and for the country as a whole. The off take of domestic coal in each State for the year 2000- 01 is given in the annexure.

(e)&(f): The demand and availability of coal for the year 2002-03 are 363.30 million tonnes and 336.10 million tonnes respectively, leaving a gap of 27.20 million tonnes.

(g): Steps taken to increase the production of coal include starting of new projects/ opening of new mines, modernisation/expansion of existing mines, upgradation of technology, increase in production/productivity, etc.

Annexure

Off take of domestic coal in each State for the year 2000-01.

(Figures in million tonnes)

State	Off-take
Uttar Pradesh	49.658
Madhya Pradesh/Chattisgarh	49.216
Maharashtra	35.859
Andhra Pradesh	34.360
West Bengal	27.144
Orissa	20.300
Jharkhand	20.166
Tamil Nadu	15.308
Gujarat	14.956
Punjab	10.254
Bihar	8.776
Karnataka	7.513
Rajasthan	6.990
Delhi	5.289
Haryana	3.712
Assam	0.422
Jammu & Kashmir	0.329
Kerala	0.189

Himachal Pradesh	0.019
Others	5.143
India	315.603